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DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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Case No. 20-11548 (CSS)
EXTRACTION OIL & GAS, INC.,
et al., (Jointly Administered)
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1 process of filing an application and going through
2 reasonableness given the amount of fees at issue there and
3 given how the case had proceeded very -- up to that point,
4 very acrimoniously; later, of course, it changed. I have
5 approved it in other cases; I'm going to approve it here.

6 I actually think Mr. Schepacarter is wrong -- I
7 would agree -- I would generally agree with this concept that
8 363 allows you to do anything unless it's controverted by the
9 code in another provision. The whole point, of course, of
10 having a debtor-in-possession with the authority to operate a
11 business is for the Court to limit its interference in the
12 operation of that business to points where it matters. It's
13 just like the concept under Butner v. United States in the
14 '30s that state law governs unless the Bankruptcy Code
15 specifically takes over.

16 So I don't think necessarily that 503 is exclusive
17 on these issues, and I certainly have a world of respect for
18 former Judge Gerber and what he did in Adelphia. I think
19 there's movement there, especially in a consensual case, that
20 required a lot of lifting to get people aboard -- on board
21 with the RSA, and not to mention all the negotiation, hard-
22 fought negotiation that had to occur post-petition, which
23 ultimately led to basically a consensual plan, with some
24 objections, but no objections, importantly, to the underlying
25 deal. So I will allow those fees to be paid.

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